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Too Pretty
To Convict



"She's too pretty to convict," said Associate City Counsellor Roy A. Fish when he asked dismissal of careless driving charges against 23-year-old Jean H. Klein, St Louis dress designer. Besides, he said, witnesses were lacking. The judge dismissed the case. The city charged Miss Klein's car rammed a fire plug at a street intersection. She claimed the car skidded on wet pavement.—AP Picture.

U.S. To Give 'Cool' Answer To Stalin Pact Offer

REASSURING SCANDINAVIA

London, Jan. 31.—America's answer to Marshal Stalin's "peace pact" offer may be discussed this week at the first full meeting between Mr Dean Acheson, the new Secretary of State, and the five Western Union Ambassadors, diplomatic observers in Washington thought today.

They believed the reply would aim at "reassuring" the Scandinavian countries and other European nations, particularly Italy, Portugal and Eire. It would be a "cool" answer, observers thought.

Diplomatic sources said they expected the Soviet Union would continue a "peace offensive" until mid-March when, according to present plans, the North Atlantic Pact is due to be signed by the Brussels treaty powers (Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg), the United States and Canada.

Observers felt that the Soviet strategy might lead the United States and the Western Union powers to consider speeding up the alliance programme.

In Berlin, Herr Karl Schwenkneke, the Democratic Liberal Party leader, was quoted by the German news agency, DPD, as saying that Marshal Stalin's readiness to lift the "blockade" was explained by the "extraordinary efficiency of the airlift."

Dr Ferdinand Friedensburg, the "Western" Deputy Lord Mayor of Berlin, said the Stalin statement "shows the Soviet Union wishes, in collaboration with the Western powers, to bring to an end, the unbearable situation in Berlin."

In Paris, a Foreign Office spokesman said the French Government attached "a certain importance" to the announcement that Marshal Stalin was prepared to meet President Truman to discuss drafting a peace pact.

It was still premature to make any comment, and it was not yet

known what action the French Government would take, the spokesman added.

Moscow Radio was broadcasting Marshal Stalin's "peace" statement in all news bulletins, both domestic and foreign, today. Sometimes the statement was repeated twice in succession.

Every language on the Russian broadcast list was used.

PRESS SCEPTICISM

Many British newspapers today were sceptical of the Stalin declaration, which they contrasted with the weekend Soviet denunciation of the Western powers and her questioning of Norway on the Atlantic Pact proposals.

Some papers, while declaring that Marshal Stalin's words could not be taken at their face value, urged the Western powers to make the most of them to secure a working agreement with Russia.

The Manchester Guardian said: "Stalin holds that Germany is the key to the 'cold war' and the defeat of the Western Union, and he is preparing to concentrate on it."

"In this sense, his statement is aimed quite as much at the confusion of German opinion as of American, British or French."

The Conservative Yorkshire Post commented: "For all its clumsiness, the Russian action may be offering us a chance of that showdown for which Mr Churchill asked some weeks ago."

"It may be the last chance to stop a drift towards a disastrous conflict." Declaring that the Soviet leader's words demand a response, the Liberal News Chronicle said: "The fact remains that Marshal Stalin's overtures to the West (for such they cannot be laughed off or cavalierly rejected.)

The Conservative Daily Mail stated that in Germany "Russia wants to share in the recovery which she did her utmost to prevent. Nevertheless, if there is the slightest hope of reaching a settlement in Germany, it should be explored to the utmost."—Reuter.

DIPLOMATS CAUTIOUS

Lake Success, Jan. 31.—The Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr Trygve Lie, when asked tonight whether he would consider offering Lake Success as a "mutually acceptable" meeting place for President Truman and Marshal Stalin, said he would consider the matter and might make a statement tomorrow.

However, Marshal Stalin's latest move in the so-called "peace offensive" has been received with great caution by diplomats here. High officials of the United Nations declined to comment on it.

FULL RECOGNITION

Washington, Jan. 31.—President Truman gave full recognition to the Governments of Israel and Transjordan today. The White House made separate announcements of due recognition for each Government. Full recognition means that the United States will appoint envoys to both countries.

Mr James MacDonald, special representative to Israel, may be the first United States Ambassador to Israel.

The United States was the first country to give de facto recognition to Israel on May 14, 1948—the day the new State was proclaimed.

American representation in Transjordan has been confined hitherto to a Consulate General in Jerusalem covering both Israel and Transjordan. Transjordan has no direct representation in Washington.—Reuter.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Light variable winds, fair with fog patches over sea. Fog becoming general tonight. Noon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1016.5 mbs. 30.02 in. Temperature, 60.0 deg. F. Dew Point, 65 deg. F. Relative humidity, 91. Wind direction, North by East. Wind force, 0 knots. High water, Gt. 2in. at 11.02 p.m. Low water, 3ft. 3in. at 4.47 p.m.

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Li Tsung-Jen's Peace Mission Ready To Leave

NATIONALIST SPOKESMAN'S WARNING TO REDS

Shanghai, Feb. 1.—The new five-man people's peace delegation, appointed by President Li Tsung-jen during his brief visit here yesterday, were preparing today to start on their mission to contact the Chinese Communists in North China, according to Chinese reports.

The new delegation consists of Dr W. W. Yen, a veteran diplomat and civil leader, Mr Chang Hsueh-chow, a lawyer and educationalist, Mr Ling Yu-chiu, a civic and industrial leader, Mr Kiang Yun, lawyer, and Mr K. T. Chen, chairman of the Trustees of the Bank of China.

General Pai, in his lengthy address, reviewed the efforts made to begin peace talks with the Communists and continued: "So far as the Communists are concerned, we have done our best and showed our sincerity."

"What the people demanded of the Government the Government has compiled. The Communists have not shown the same sincerity. They did not stop advancing along both the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow railways."

GOVT. STILL TRYING

"The Communists are still advancing southwards and this makes it difficult for an honourable peace to be concluded, but the Government still has not given up."

"For its respect of the people, the Government is still trying to conclude an honourable peace with the Communists; also for the sake of not ruining the nation's resources."

General Pai, recalling the people's delegation request to him to stop fighting three days to enable them to arrange peace overtures, asked how was he to stop fighting when he was being continually pressed?

DEMANDS REJECTED

Nanking, Feb. 1.—A Nationalist spokesman warned the Communists last night that if they persisted in irrelevant issues during the peace overtures it would be impossible to meet their demands and come to terms.

The spokesman rejected three points in the two-day old Communist broadcast seeking punishment for the released former Japanese Commander-in-Chief in China, General Yasutsugu Okamura, who had been accused of war crimes, the imprisonment of 47 Nationalist leaders on the war criminals list, and the "complete liberation" of Peiping.

The spokesman said the three points should not be a conditional precedent to the actual opening of the peace talks. He urged the Reds to reconsider their position so that the hostilities might be brought to an end.

He said it was true that the Reds in the past few months had won a number of victories, but they should realize that this might not continue for long and decidedly would not determine the final outcome of the conflict.

In order to settle China's internal dispute through political means, it was necessary to preserve mutual respect, and "mutually to make concessions."

The Nationalists earnestly hoped that the Communist Party would utilize the utmost sincerity to help speed up the convening of a peace conference.—Reuter—AAP.

REDS TAKE OVER

Peiping, February 1.—Nationalist troops patrolled Peiping's main streets on Monday night after an estimated 15,000 Communist victors streamed into the city and settled down in the Old Legation quarter.

The bulk of General Fu Tsio-yi's 100,000 troops, however were pulling out of the former outer perimeter of the Defence zone and preparing to march out to new camps where most of them will be transformed into Communist People's Liberation Army soldiers.

General Fu's personal troops, who remained on guard in the city, turned their eyes away from the victory processions yesterday afternoon as the Red Army marched to band music and the cheers of an organised minority into the ancient capital.

The Communist takeover was peaceful and orderly.

The main force entered Peiping through three city gates.

The first batch of Communist troops seemed to be nervous. The second and third waves, coming in American Dodge and General Motors six-by-six trucks, were far more cheerful and relaxed. They came armed to the teeth with American rifles, bazookas and machine-guns driving a few Jeeps and other American trucks presumably taken from captured or destroyed Nationalist units.

CALM RECEPTION

Peiping received the conquerors with calm and curiosity. Various students and workers' organisations lined the roads with squads bearing great and colourful banners and shouting slogans, but this has not been the reflection of the general populace who demonstrated the same reserve with which they said have greeted six previous conqueror waves in the last 40 years.

Plainclothes political workers accompanied the Red troops and have been busy pasting up notices, urging the populace to remain calm and go about business as usual without fear and trouble.

Nationalist news censors were no longer on duty and no Communist censor have yet made an appearance.

Various soldiers said they had orders not to talk to foreigners but it was understood that the orders would be relaxed as soon as the occupation process was completed.—United Press.

TWO TRAIN CRASHES

81 PERSONS HURT

London, Jan. 31.—Eighty-one persons were hurt in two train crashes in Scotland and England.

Seventy-six persons were injured at Glasgow when a shipyard workers train ploughed into the rear of a train standing at the station. All were taken to hospital but only two were held for treatment.

At East Horndon near London five persons were cut by flying glass when the door of a train going in one direction flew open and smashed the windows of a train passing in the opposite direction.—United Press.

NO RED PROBE IN BRITAIN

London, Jan. 31.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, today rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons that he should set up an independent Royal Commission on the lines of the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States Congress.

Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, had wanted a Commission to report on the extent and nature of Communist organisations and their subversive activities in Britain.—Reuter.

Dutch Will Not Comply With Indonesia Peace Plan

Lake Success, Jan. 31.—The Dutch have refused to comply "at this time" with the new United Nations Security Council peace plan for Indonesia, according to information reaching United Nations Headquarters.

Reports from the Commission for Indonesia in Batavia said the Netherlands authorities were awaiting instructions from the Hague concerning the Security Council resolution approved on Friday, which called on the Dutch to free all Indonesian Republican leaders in captivity, recognise the authority of the new and strengthened Commission in the Indies and make precise and gradual moves toward giving the new United States of Indonesia sovereignty by the middle of 1950.

Dis派ches to the United Nations reported that two more Indonesian officials had been imprisoned by the Dutch, allegedly for creating unrest among the population.

In passing the new plan, the Security Council made no provision for forceful steps to make either the Dutch or the Indonesians comply in the event of refusal to do so.—United Press.

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WOMANSENSE

There's No Rigid Rule To Picture-hanging, but . . .

By ELEANOR ROSS

WITH the growing interest in beautifying the home, there is an increasing interest in the intelligent use of pictures. For there is no more charming way of spotting the largest area in a room, the wall, than with that most delightful wall accessory, pictures. A pleasing picture, in an appropriate frame gives a room of well-dressed appearance. There is no adequate substitute for the feeling of culture than the intelligent use of pictures can impart to a frame.

There are only a few basic rules to follow in choosing pictures. Two prime factors should be satisfied. First, you will choose pictures you like. This sounds too simple to be worthy of mention, but pictures are a personal affair; they mean one thing to one person, and something entirely different, or indifferent, to another. Of course, all pictures are not set off advantageously in any one room. The colour and form of the pictures must blend harmoniously with the whole of the room's decor, although there is a rigid restriction of what will blend with what. Skillfully handled, appropriately framed paintings lend themselves to any period of furnishing.

Colour Harmony

Harmony of colour can be largely achieved through picking up the dominant colour of the picture in other accessories in the room: lampshades, coloured glassware, or accents of colour in draperies or upholstery.

An artistic picture arrangement depends on several factors. Pictures should be hung in relation to

the furniture grouping. Every picture should convey the feeling of belonging; it should be an intrinsic part of the whole. For instance, a group of simple, framed prints centred over a desk and lamp arrangement presents a look pleasing and well-balanced. Or, a horizontal arrangement of prints hung close to a long piece such as a sofa or side-board gives it added importance.

Rigid Rule

Every picture should in some way be supported by floor pieces. There is no rigid rule for hanging pictures. They should be hung as near to eye level as possible, but other factors are matters of nice balance and good taste; a large picture over a large piece of furniture, or, if small pictures are hung, group them into an important arrangement.

HOLLYWOOD—A movie actor, tired of patching up his children's cuts and removing their splinters, says he has invented a new line of safety toys.

"No silvers, no poisonous paints, no sharp edges" is Dave Willock's slogan for his patented playthings.

It began as a hobby, Willock explained, at Paramount as he whittled out a toy horse for Alain Ladd, whose daddy, Alan Ladd, stars in Willock's picture, "One Woman."

"I've done everything around the house from decorating 'birthday' cakes to making the furniture," he said. "Just like a tinker. And it does save money."

His last creation was a lazy Susan table. It includes the front wheel bearing of a Chevrolet.

Willock's been turning out gadgets for children from the workshop in his North Hollywood garage.

Safety Policy

"I first made a toy Taylor tot for my daughter," he said. "The neighbours liked it and I made some for their kids. Then one of the big downtown stores said they'd take 75 week."

"Now I'm making a play pen for dolls. It's just like a baby's pen only smaller. And it's handy. My wife throws all the toys in the pen and they don't mess up the floor."

Next in Willock's line will be miniature furniture for dolls. He's making them all of pine, so expertly finished that not even the toughest six-year-old can splinter it. All the edges are smoothly rounded to avoid cuts and bruises.

Willock has so many orders for his toys now he has bought extra tools, put the neighbourhood boys to work and is considering giving up acting to make toys full-time.

"I bought steel for 4,000 kiddle Taylor tots last week," he said. "It's piled so high in my garage I can't simple or formal.

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Look Your Best at All Times



"Brush your frock the minute you take it off," says Barbara Hale, cinema star.

By HELEN FOLLETT

CHANGE your outer appearance for the better and the inner life, that you live in your mind, will perk up and be brighter or spirit. Every woman remembers the times when a new hat put her on her toes, when a cute little trick of a gown nipped off half a dozen birthdays. Beautifying effects must go on and on. Let up and you are lost. Those long-nosed lemons who sneer at girls who sit before their mirrors, and try to make the best of themselves, would do well to play the same game, get in the parade, march toward the pulchritude goal.

Wear dull, drab colours and that is the way you will feel. Gay colours are fashionable. Make the most of your opportunity. A cute hat, trimmed with flowers, will beautify a woman of forty. For that matter, there is no reason why a woman of eighty should not indulge in smart, becoming, uplifting millinery modes. It is silly to say that styles have been resurrected from the past; there is always the modern, up-to-the-minute touch that is added.

Unless you give thought to your clothes you are not being fair to yourself. To be well dressed does not mean heavy expense of money, only the application of good taste.

When you have nice clothes, take care of them. Have them cleaned and pressed often, brush them between each wearing and remove spots as soon as possible.

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN



Proper Food and Your Health

EVERY year a greater percentage of the population in America is becoming middle aged and elderly. Children born today have a life expectancy of about 18 years more than was expected by their grandparents. This is largely the result of success in learning how to combat infections and diseases of babyhood and childhood, and to greater knowledge of nutrition.

For according to the best scientific research, food habits and nutrition have a great influence on the health of all people. This includes the maturing, the middle aged and the elderly groups.

Proper Food
What most of us don't realize is that old age begins to overtake us years after it is apparent, and that if we hope to remain mentally and physically healthy, active, useful and happy, we must eat the foods that will restore, invigorate and maintain the body. This is not a matter of special diets. It concerns itself with a life-long, balanced diet that contains all the elements needed for healthy living. This means the usual proteins, starch, sugars and fat with which we are familiar, plenty of water, and many more vitamins and mineral-rich foods than most people think necessary. I have seen some old people who were very thin. And when I made inquiries I found it was because they could not chew the family food, so they were not eating enough to eat.

"If grandpa or grandma have any difficulty with the teeth, their food should be well cooked, and if necessary put through the food chopper," remarked the Chef.

"Then there's the question of the best time for their dinner. Should they have it at noon or at night? If they are not very active it should very definitely be at noon, and supper should be light, served not later than six o'clock so it will be quite well digested before they retire."

"What would you do for a fellow who is unhappy without the apple pie for breakfast?" grinned the Chef.

"I'd tell him he's getting too fat and should begin to reduce," I answered, giving the Chef a meaningful look.

"You would deprive a poor old fellow of the simple joy of a piece of pie?" teased the Chef.

Bran Crust
"Not if he were really old," I retorted. "I'd give it to him, but it would be deep dish pie with only one thin biscuit crust. If he needed bread bulk in his diet, I'd put a little bran into the crust. If he needed more protein, I'd add a little soy flour, but I'd never tell him."

"And what if he would eat only the fried eggs?" persisted the Chef.

"Then they could be steam-fried in a little water and butter. When the water evaporates, the butter

Another Skirt Tale



Ann Badowsky

PRUNELLA WOOD

Household Hints

To get rid of squeaks in the floor, locate the loose boards, then drive in long, finishing nails. Drive the right hand nail on a slant towards the left, and the left hand nail slanting towards the right, so that a sort of open wedge is formed. If there are gaps between the floor boards, fill them up with thin wedges of wood.

If you buy a lamp with a dark coloured shade, be sure it has a white lining for good lighting.

When you use your electric iron, make sure that all smuts, buttons, hooks, etc., face the roller, so that the shoe or soleplate will not be scratched or the garment fasteners broken.

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YET another skirt silhouette is popped up smartly in this peg-top navy and white pin check wool, with its slit hem and navy faille corsette top.

Although frock top and skirt look like the halves of a suit, rather than a complete dress,

such is not the fact; the skirt is hung from the shoulders by suspenders, not attractive over or under a blouse, and the buttoned bodice fits like the paper on the wall...no room for a blouse, beneath it. Collar and cuffs are double, white pique over navy faille.

Trick of the Chef
Cut the crust from 8 slices of white bread and save to use for croutons. Spread the bread on one side with butter or margarine and toast that side. Thinly spread the untoasted sides with a mixture of 3 tbsp. butter or margarine creamed with 1/4 cup powdered sugar and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon. Toast until bubbling and slightly browned. Cut in finger lengths; serve very hot.

Cinnamon Toast
Cut the green tops from fresh root vegetables as soon as possible to prevent loss of moisture and nourishment from the roots.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



FULL DRESS DINNER—Dressed—as always—in formal dinner attire, these penguins in the London Zoological Gardens lift their beaks in preparation for a few tasty titbits from their keeper.



BARNYARD PLUM-AGE—New York model Midge Ware takes a "gander" at a white China goose whose feathers are the same as those of her spring hat of poultry feathers.



ARAB MOTHER—An Arab woman comforts her hungry son while awaiting milk distribution by the UN International Children's Emergency Fund. Over 700,000 Palestinian refugees are quartered in an improvised tent city in Lebanon.



COUPLE OF OLD HANDS—Little Billy Scholz checks his watch with the veteran George Johnson before a run on the Illinois Central out of Chicago. Four-year-old Billy hasn't had quite the 49 years' experience of the older engineer but time will tell.



WINTER'S MAGIC—The fine hand of nature's artistry produced this enchanting wonderland in the famous Bois De Boulogne in Paris. The picturesque waterfall was transformed by the chilly winter weather.



PLAYTIME DRESS—Cyd Charisse wears a winter play dress for lounging around the yard—in California. The angora sweater is just a precaution at her Hollywood home as she poses in comfortable shorts.



RAIL HERO—Jimmy Colclough, 11-year-old Canastota, New York, lad, examines a model of the De Witt Clinton at New York Central's office. Presented with numerous gifts and promised a job on the line in future years, the youngster discovered a broken rail and told railway officials in time to avert an accident.



WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT?—Little John Ostrand can't quite see why Peter Hermann is crying when he is the one with a coveted bottle of milk. Both foreign-born dependents of American servicemen, they recently flew to New York to begin a new life.



SUPPLY DUMP—A Dutch soldier relaxes as an informal guard is placed over this temporary supply depot near Indonesia. His companion, rear, is checking on snipers as mop-up operations continue against scattered resistance.



NICE ANGLE—Lee Garee, 16, Queen of the Anglers, casts her line as she prepares for her role as reigning monarch during the Metropolitan Miami Fishing Tournament.

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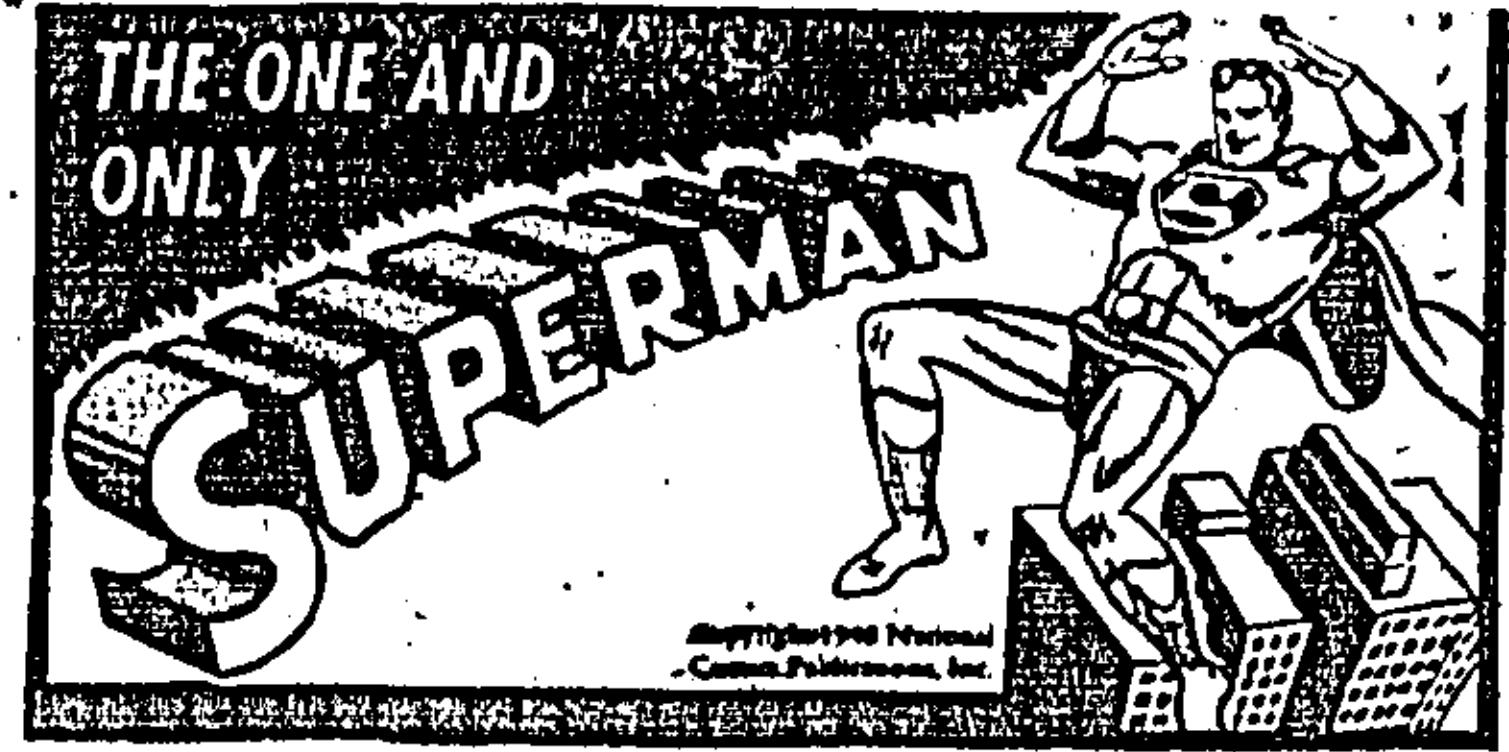
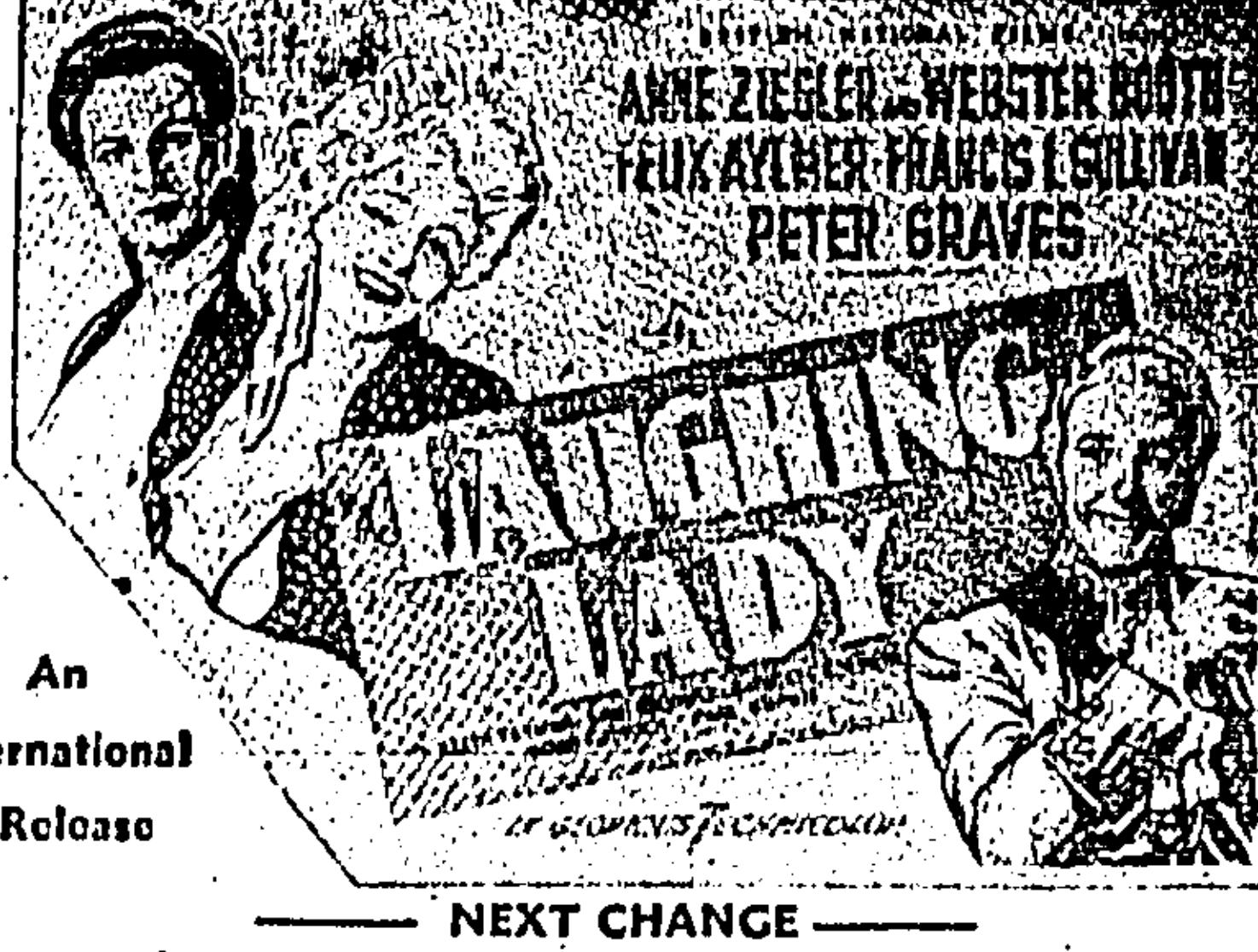
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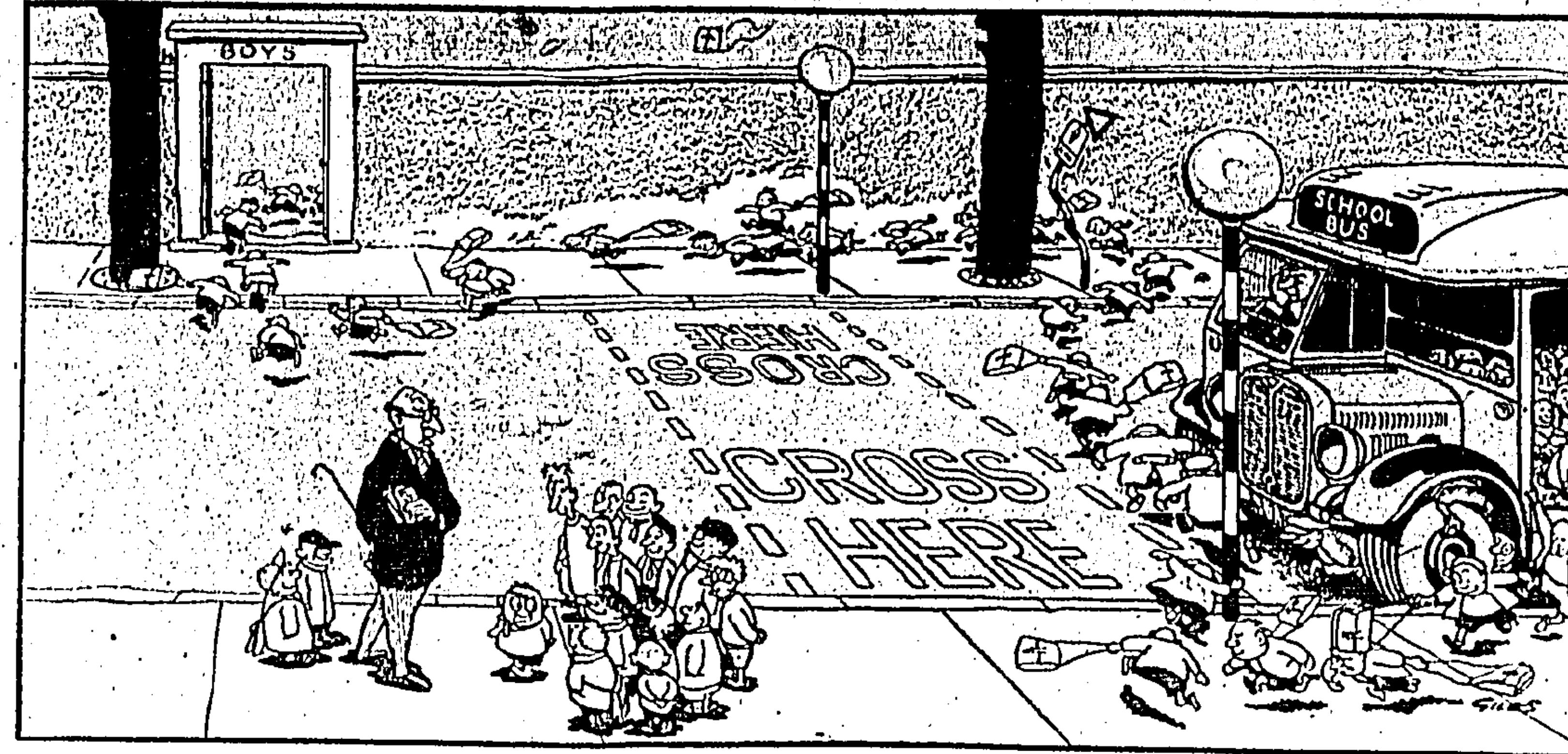
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HOW RED ARE CHINA'S REDS?

By WALTER BRIGGS



Mao Tse-tung: Will he prove a Gottwald or a Tito?

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HOW red are China's Reds? Chinese Communists are not merely agrarian reformers. They believe in Marxism, and want to practise it in their country. They boast of that. But is the Chinese Communist Party just another stooge of Moscow? Is Mao Tse-tung their chief, another Pauker or Gottwald?

As all signs point to Red victory over the Nationalists, these questions no longer are academic. They assume prime importance, because the part a new Chinese government might take in power-politics will affect the world much more for years to come—than any internal experiments it may try in economics and social order.

"I don't care what the Communists do here," one experienced foreign observer told me. "What counts is how they react to Russia and the United States."

Contradictions

In recent months the Communist radio has placed Mao squarely in the Comintern camp. He has attacked Tito for deviations in Yugoslavia, commiserated with Togliatti over the attack on that Italian leader's life, cabled Stalin congratulations on the 31st anniversary of the October Revolution, sent felicitations to the World Federation of Democratic Women—a Red front meeting in Budapest.

Yet Mao has practised in China the same deviations that got Tito into trouble with the Kremlin. He has supported Chinese nationalism. He has coaxed tyrannising the middle classes in an attempt to win their support.

Observers regarded as significant a recent Red radio broadcast running over three nights. Written by a Communist intellectual, it applauded the Soviet Union and attacked the Western "imperialists." But also it went to some length defending Chinese nationalism and party principles.

In the light of this and other similar evidence, observers deduce that Mao is trying to ride two horses at once. He is playing with Russia to get all the support he can. But he wants China to remain free—and for Chinese Communism to develop in its own way.

Mao rose to power in Chinese Communism not because of, but in spite of, Russia. He went to South China in the '20s to organise local Soviets, even though Russian Communists and their traces were being eradicated in the rest of the country.

During that period a feud developed between Mao and Li San, another prominent Communist, over methods of Communism in China. Li fled to Russia, and returned years later with Russian

troops marching into Manchuria after VJ Day.

Now Li is building himself into a power in China's northeast. And he is definitely a Stalin man—a Communist internationalist.

Putting themselves in Mao's shoes, many observers believe that he is human enough to harbour his hatred for Li and to dislike the international control that Li represents.

Old-line Communists are mostly nationalistic, observers say, while the youngsters are more inclined towards international Communism—towards Moscow. The old guard built their own domestic Communism with little Russian help. They probably feel that, having done well enough so far, they need no meddling from here on.

they have been fed heavy doses of Moscow propaganda, have been bombed by American-made planes, and have not been hesitant about expressing their approval of Russia and their dislike for the United States.

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Chou En-lai: Will his influence favour the West?

C.V.R. Thompson THIS BRITTLE YEAR

New York: TWO unofficial pollsters claim to have discovered why Americans are grabbing every book they can find with a title like "The Conquest of Fear," "How to Stop Worrying," or "Don't be Afraid."

Enthralled by these signs of a national neurosis, two psychologists, doctors Henry Link and Albert Freiberg, decided to give up their spare time to take a poll.

They picked 5,000 New Yorkers at random and asked them what was worrying them. The result—Americans are worried and mentally raged.

Their chief concern is that the great U.S. boom will soon end in a bust (49.5 percent).

Next on the list is Communism (44.1 percent).

And towards the bottom of the list are the threat of war (only 10.6 percent); and the Russians (1.6 percent).

FOR ALL THE PARTIES in Washington during inauguration week, President Truman, once a haberdasher, bought himself a new evening dress tie. It was black, but had a silver stripe through it.

IN ST. LOUIS, at least, the age of chivalry is not dead. Among the defendants in a traffic court one was a beautiful, 23-year-old blonde, Jean Klein. The charge against her was careless driving. Said Prosecutor Roy Fish: "We cannot prosecute a beautiful girl like this in our court, and besides, we have no witnesses."

JURORS' FEES are being doubled in New Jersey because jurors complain they have to pay more for baby-sitters than they get for jury-sitting.

WASHINGTON confirmed today that even in America dollars are getting scarce. If all the dollars now in circulation were divided equally, each American would have 100 dollars and 80 cents, or about £2 47 12s. That is a drop of nearly £2 5s. on last year's figure.

MAKING THE MOST of California's frank cold spell, Florida, California's chief rival, is flooding the country with pictures of semi-nudes enjoying her balmy 80-degree climate.

Back came Hollywood with a picture of a bathing girl playing with snow. What Hollywood did not reveal: The sunshine which made her smile came from studio-lights.

Chicken and ice cream at 4 a.m. in this neon-lighted heaven

By EVELYN WEBBER

NEW YORK.

FOUR London women are in America as followers of Father Divine, the negro who they believe is God. "And many more who are still in London follow him, too," they told me. "He saved us all from the buzz-bombs."

Known by the name of George Baker to those who do not think he is God, Father Divine has never been to London. He never has denied his followers' belief that he is 1000 years old, or that he arrived on earth in a cloud of smoke.

I met the five-foot Father Divine and "Sweet Angel," his 23-year-old white bride, in the cellar of one of his neon-lighted Philadelphia "Heavens."

The occasion was one of their five-a-day banquets.

THE meal was free. And despite the hour feasters helped themselves abundantly to chicken, fish, roast beef, ten other meats, eight vegetables, rice, macaroni, five breads, two gravies, three sauces, eleven kinds of cake, six ice-creams, doughnuts, toothpicks, salt and pepper.

As they ate the rafters quivered with their praise. Some followers writhed and twirched and emitted equals. One girl jumped up and shrieked, "Father, you is so sweet; thank you, father, dear." Another kept yelling, "Peace!"

While they testified that they had been saved from "drink and bad habits," Mother Divine calmly went on chewing. Father Divine's head nodded. And his eyes slowly closed.

"But he isn't asleep," insisted a henchman. "God never sleeps."

THE "heavens"—the new Messiah has established in Philadelphia, New Jersey, Maryland and New York for his followers are a huge financial success.

They boast restaurants, sleeping

accommodation, barber and dress shops and banquets.

His "angels" (who discard their legal names for names like "Love No. 1," "Bride of Love," or "Love, Love, Love") voluntarily turn over their outside earnings to Father Divine's "church."

Others work directly for him without payment. They receive free board and lodging.

His "children" (those who do not believe enough to surrender all their money) are accommodated at the "heavens" for 12s. 6d. a week.

Earthly possessions (like family, life savings, cars and jewellery, furniture and insurance policies) must be surrendered to his "church," too, if followers want to come to the fold "clean."

"**M**Y angels never grow old," he explained, "nor do they die. So they have no need of such things." Should the case of someone dying come to notice, his explanation is simple: "They lost faith."

"How does it feel to be God?" I asked.

"Personally, I am small, and insignificant in stature," he replied, in his slow Georgia drawl. "People look upon me as that little man and think I am illiterate. But I would like them to know I am omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent."

DURING the interview—which took place in his office—Father Divine sat attended by eight of his

secretaries. (They work in shifts, reporting every word he utters for publication in his newspaper, "The Messenger," a copy-and-fat, with advertising.) Chief of them warned me "not to ask so many mortal questions; and don't write of him as 'n-e-g-r-o,' spelling out the word."

Mrs Divine sat alone. "Did she ever want to go home to the parents she renounced, and a normal existence?" I inquired.

"Not at all," she said, looking nervously at her husband. "I asked Father Divine to marry me. Representing the Church, I am wedded to God Almighty, thus he has legally fulfilled the Scriptures. He does not permit us earthly affections. I am in heaven, where I belong."

"America right now is a Sodom and Gomorrah," Father Divine declared. "I will save it because I am incorruptible and undefiled."

"How many followers are there now?" I asked.

"I bear no records," he replied. "God's blessings cannot be counted."

But as recently as May 1948 news reports told of a gathering of 5,000 white disciples in Switzerland, and of nearly a dozen Swiss villages with their own "heavens."

Followers are claimed in Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, Panama and the West Indies.

"I could change everyone's lives if they would let me," said Father Divine as the women from London fervently nodded. "I will emanate your country from Socialism. If its people contact me and they do I will answer from this station. Tell them I can do anything. My spirit even released the atom bomb."

"Some food?" Well, you know, I couldn't promise."

NANCY 'Arf and 'Arf

WHAT'S ON THE END OF THE LEASH, SLUGGO?

A DOG

CAN I TAKE HIM FOR A WALK?

NO, I'M SORRY...

I ONLY OWN A HALF-INTEREST IN HIM

IN HIM

By Ernie Bushmiller

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HOLIDAY CRICKET

By "RECODER"

THE UPSETS FOLLOWED ONE ANOTHER

The holiday programme of six cricket matches of Senior League standard produced no fewer than twenty individual knocks of 30 and over, an unusual performance on our local wickets that always favour the bowler.

The bowlers, except for A. R. Minu, turned out in his second match of the year, J. C. Koh and Robbie Lee, had a most dismal week-end. Amid this indifferent bowling served up, the Combined Services all-star combination trundled away to their most dismal performances of the year.

The wicket at Chater Road yesterday was of not much help to the bowlers. But the eight wickets for 215 runs managed by the combination of Stepto, Gambrell, Banton, Jones and White against Club batting that was far from being at full strength was, indeed, a sorry display.

Stepto improved on his figures by bowling Howarth and Macleod when the game was already over. Gambrell was fit for three fours off successive balls by Professor Ride, Banton was not too bad, Jones and White were a batsmen's holiday. It was quite as bad in most of the other games.

UPSET PARADE

Twice upset, both times in the last few minutes of the game, were the League leaders, Club and De Recreo, who fall now behind Army into second place.

More thoroughly upset were the Combined Services, who went down to a Hongkong Cricket Club side that was not far superior to the HKCC team that had been beaten successively by both the Army and the Combined RN-RAF in the Triangular Tournament.

Even the Navy turned round to beat IRC by eight wickets and the University, who fared very dimly and against Recreo a week earlier, took easily the measure of the KCC who, two days later, upset Recreo.

CHATER ROAD MATCH

The Combined Services, short of some of their better bats, started off well in the all-day match at Chater Road against the Club and were 81 on the board for the loss of one wicket and 100 for the loss of two. The remaining eight wickets added another 67 runs.

Against very indifferent bowling, Pearce and Kerr put on 60 for the Club's first wicket. With Leach out at 39, Kerr at 127, Franklin at 137 and Rowe at 138, the situation began to look better and both Banton and Stepto were touching better form with the ball.

There was, however, no cheap dismissal to follow after tea. Newton played a very nice innings for his 40 and, with Professor Ride, played out to victory by five wickets.

COMBINED SERVICES

Murray-Brown, c Kerr, b Pearce 58
Twelves, run out 58

Carlen, c Clague, b Howarth 10
Hettie, c Macleod, b Ride 10

Banton, c Newton, b Ride 4
Stepto, b Ride 10

Jones, b Howarth 10
and, c Kerr, b Howarth 10

White, c Kerr, b Howarth 0
Gambrell, not out 0

Extras 0

HKCC

Total (for 8 wkt) 138

Bowling Analysis O M R W

F. Zimmern 15 2 56

G. N. Gosano 11 2 31

E. L. Gosano 3 0 14

A. M. Prata 3 0 10

T. A. Madar, c B. T. Gosano b Perreira 0

G. E. Taylor, c G. N. Gosano 0

Extras 0

Total (for 8 wkt) 138

Bowling Analysis O M R W

F. Zimmern 4 2 32

G. E. Lee 12 1 20 5

W. M. Davidson 13 2 3 41 5

Rowe 2 10

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

•McKENNEY
ON BRIDGESmother Play Wins
Small Slam Here

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THIS is the last of five articles on the fascinating but difficult smother play.

It is the most difficult of all bridge plays to recognise because you usually have lost the timing on the hand before you realise that a smother play is possible. To get the full benefit of today's hand, you should lay the cards out, because it is one of the more complicated smother plays.

On the opening lead of the six of clubs, East played the ten-spot and declarer won with the ace. His next play was the queen of hearts and West correctly put on the three-spot. Declarer let it ride. Even when East showed out, he was not too much worried, as he still hoped for a spade break.

The deuce of hearts was led, and when West played the four-spot, dummy's eight was finessed. Now



SCIENCE AT WORK:

RADIATION EXPERIMENTS
MADE ON POTATOES

BY PAUL F. ELLIS

A POTATO patch that may lead to a variety greater in yield and resistant to bugs is growing here almost within the shadow of America's first postwar atomic energy pile.

The plants in the patch are ordinary potatoes in one way; in another way, they are not.

Dr Leslie F. Nims, head of the biology department of Brookhaven National Laboratory, explained that the potatoes are ordinary in that they were selected from the common garden variety. The difference, however, is that they were X-rayed before planting. A super potato may be the ultimate result.

The plantings were divided into lots with some receiving more radiation than others. Purpose of the experiment is to determine the effect of radiation on plants.

The plants growing from heavily X-rayed seeds are scrappy, and in one particular row only one plant came up. Comparisons are made with two rows of plants grown from non-X-rayed seeds.

Dr Nims said that each plant will be studied and that subsequent studies will be made of plants grown from the new harvest of potatoes. It may take several generations of potatoes before significant changes appear. These changes would be the result of the X-radiation altering the genetic, or hereditary, mechanism of the plants.

TWELVE more red-bearded dwarfs?

No. Names from review in the Economist of a "Directory of Five Hundred Leading Communists of the Eastern Hemisphere." It is more exotic than the "List of Huntingdonshire Cabmen," and equally well informed. I admit that Stringer, E. J. (see Vol. III: R. to T.) seems very tame beside Koci Xoxo or Pham-Van-Khoa. One important omission is Mrs. Bokkeskoja Vlopatch, the Vampire of Snod.

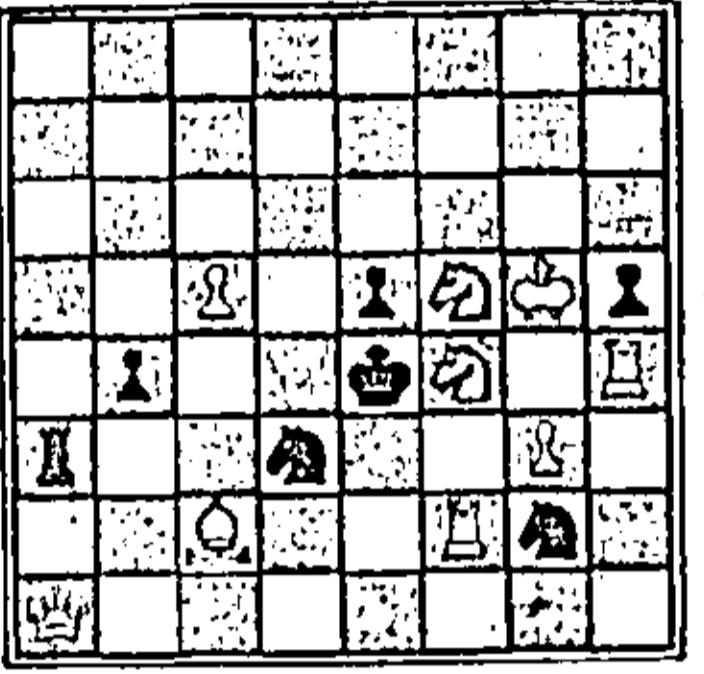
Luther Burbank spent years in developing new types of fruit, but with X-ray radiation the trick might be done in much faster time, Dr Nims believes.

Oxygen Valve

A war-developed oxygen valve used by wounded airmen at high altitude is now available for treatment of polio victims and other respiratory disease patients.

The new instrument is known as the pneumophore. The makers report that experiments indicate that the instrument has "vast potentialities in the field of inhalational therapy—the treatment of chest ailments by the breathing of drugs, such as penicillin dust."

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. A. SCHIFFMAN
Black, 7 pieces.White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-R4, any; 2. R, B, or Kt mates.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

BORN today, you have a number of parents of children must guard against being too strict one moment and too lenient the next. This confuses children and makes life difficult for them. Cultivate a middle path and all will be much easier.

The arts and sciences are likely to be your chief interest and you have considerable ingenuity in this direction. You find large scale projects, big ventures, and—if an artist, sweeping canvases easiest to work on. Minor matters and all detail work seem difficult and you must guard against the tendency to be a "worryer" over minor matters that really don't count too much.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Definitely a poor day for the emotions, so be on your guard lest they betray you into a difficult situation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A romantic day for you, but make sure you know your own heart and don't make an error in judgment.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—An excellent day with good fortune appearing to be on your side if you are aggressive and positive.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—An active day, especially for romance and matters of the fair sex. Get a permanent or buy a new hat!

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Excellent trends for courtship and marriage. Things should go well in the home, too. Expect happiness.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Be considerate of others, especially those of the fair sex, to avoid unhappiness. Expect the unexpected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—All large projects, especially connected with the earth's mineral products are well favoured now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Romance appears in the foreground of today's activity. Follow up yesterday's leads and develop them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Impulse can cause trouble, so think carefully before you act to avoid possible accident.

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POSTER GIRL AT HOME—Linda Brown, 4, poster girl of the 1949 "March of Dimes" campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, goes into the tub after a day of official visits. A victim of infantile paralysis a year and a half ago, Linda was cured through the Foundation.

New British Navy Is In Process Of Creation

RADICAL INNOVATIONS

London, Jan. 31.—A new British Navy with all latest developments in radio-guided missiles and jet propulsion is being created by scientists and engineers moving towards use of atomic power.

Reciprocal Commonwealth defence plans, already well under way, have allocated a total of £30,000,000 for research and development according to official estimates.

Naval strategists foresee radical innovations in design made essential by potentialities of atomic bombs and ships navigated and fought entirely by electronic devices.

Russians Wont Return POWs

Strike Unreasonable Attitude

London, Jan. 31.—The Soviet reaction to a British query about the return of German prisoners of war had been "not untypical," Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today.

"It contests the accuracy of our statement, makes some counter-accusations—completely without foundation—and declines to enter into negotiations," he said in reply to a question.

The full Soviet reply had not yet been received at the Foreign Office, he added.

Asked if all the evidence did not show that there were made more than 200,000 German prisoners in Soviet territory, Mr. McNeil replied: "I should think that would be a conservative statement."

STILL HOPEFUL

Mr. Nigel Birch, Conservative, suggested that he should publish photographs showing the physical condition of the prisoners returned from Russia.

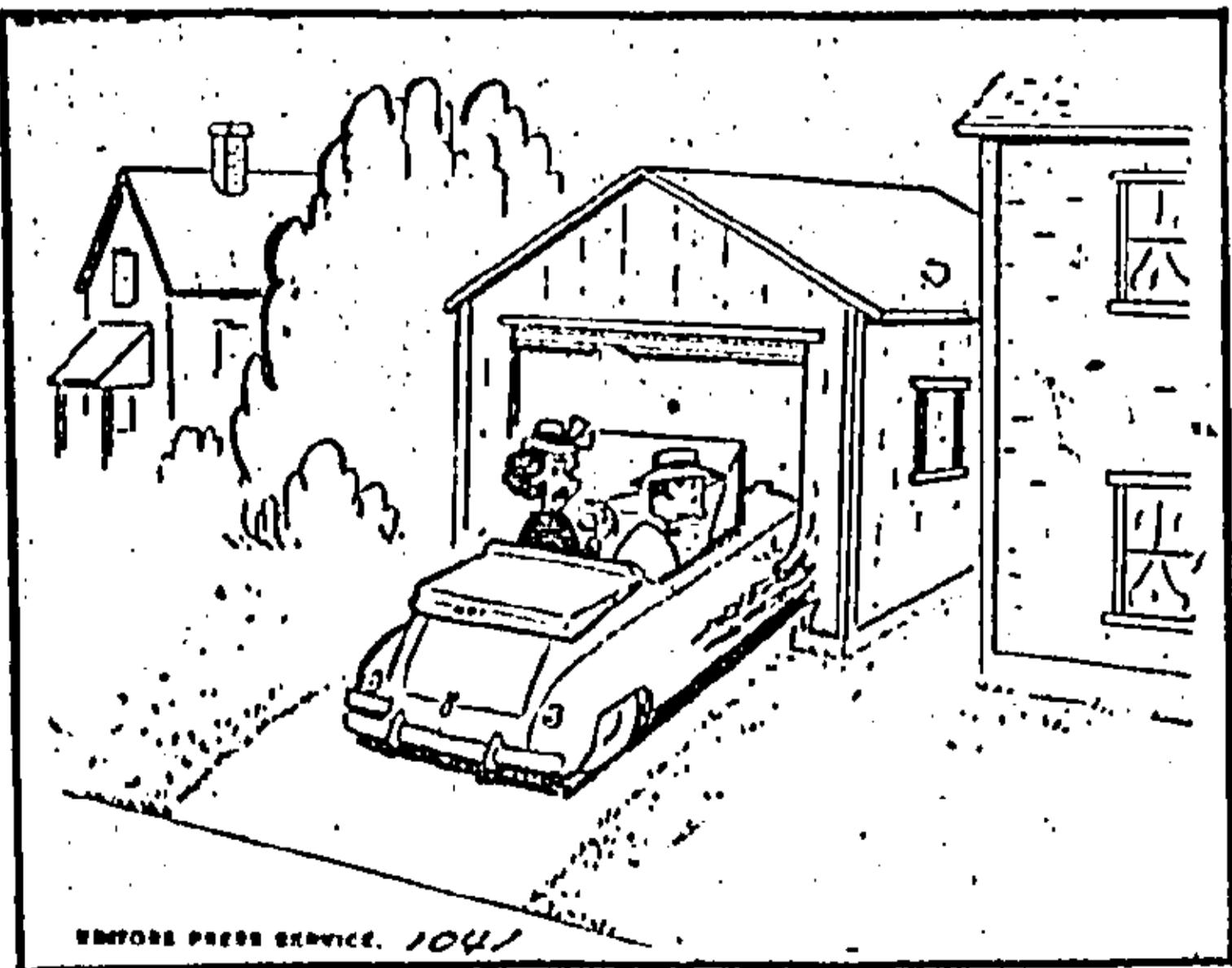
Mr. McNeil replied, however: "We are still hopeful that the Soviet Government may prove reasonable on this subject, although their first reaction has not been of that kind."

"I would like to commit myself to the suggestion that we should publish photographs, although I agree that the physical condition and age in many cases has been most regrettable."

The British note to the Soviet Union said Britain had repatriated all her German prisoners. It asked if Russia had done likewise in accordance with the agreement reached at the Moscow Council of Foreign Ministers in 1947 that all German prisoners in the hands of the occupying powers should be sent back to Germany by December last.—Reuter.

Bandits Rob Bank

Miami Beach, Florida, Jan. 31.—Bandits today held up the Merchant Bank on the fashionable Lincoln Road and escaped with an estimated \$70,000.—United Press.



"Milton, isn't that your side that's rubbing?"

Norway Reacts To Soviet Note On Atlantic Pact

STRONG PRESS COMMENT

Stockholm, Jan. 31.—Increased military preparedness was urged by three Stockholm newspapers today following the Soviet note to Norway demanding a clarification of her attitude towards a North Atlantic Pact.

Demanding "swift measures," the papers all regarded the note as signifying a shifting of the cold war to the Scandinavian peninsula.

The Soviet note was handed to the Norwegian Foreign Office in Oslo on Saturday. It warned Norway not to join the North Atlantic Pact reminding Norwegians of their common border with Russia.

The delivery of the note coincided with the failure in Oslo of efforts to form a Scandinavian military alliance which would have kept Norway out of the Atlantic Pact.

Most Stockholm newspapers predicted that the Soviet note would shorten rather than delay Norway's joining the Atlantic Alliance.

Stockholm newspapers also stressed that the failure of efforts to force a Scandinavian Pact had

resulted in a serious deterioration in Scandinavia's position.

"The picture of a divided Scandinavia, such as is now emerging, can only be attractive to a great power in our immediate vicinity," the Liberal afternoon paper, Expressen, said in an editorial.

Describing the Russian note as an attempt to frighten Norway to keep clear of the West, the paper urged a thorough overhaul without delay of military supply and political positions.

The Conservative newspaper, Svenska Dagbladet, said that Stalin was shaking his fist at Norway while at the same time waving his other hand in a friendly gesture toward the Western powers.

The paper added that the shadow of big power politics was hanging over Sweden and that this constituted a serious challenge to the country's preparedness.

The Liberal Stockholm's Tidningen said that the Soviet note implied a shifting of the cold war to the Scandinavian Peninsula, adding that the situation now required increased alertness and greater efforts on Sweden's part to look after herself with all the resources at her disposal.—Associated Press.

WAITING TO SHARE A FORTUNE

Winsted, Connecticut, Jan. 31.—If 15 missing heirs to a mystery fortune left by a millionaire Jewish salvage collector, Benjamin Epstein, are not found by February 7 two Jews living in Palestine and a woman living in Montevideo will share equally \$200,000 of the estate.

The three—Abraham Gopstein and Sora Gopstein Guberman of Haifa and Molly Arbreg—were children of Epstein's brother, a native of Bielsztok, Poland.

Ultimately, at a date not yet fixed, if the other heirs are still not traced, Abram Gopstein, Sora Gopstein Guberman and Molly Arbreg stand to share the entire estate.

Epstein died here six years ago at the age of 63. His friends were startled to learn he had amassed an estate worth more than one million dollars.

He will directed that his estate—\$800,000 after taxes and death duties are deducted—be kept intact for five years and then shared equally between his nephews and nieces.

Only three of his heirs have been traced after a long and expensive search by his executors.

The executors sought a judgment from the Probate Court to declare all other heirs legally dead, but the judge refused and ordered the search to be continued.—Reuter.

TACTICAL MANOEUVRES

The Commission said that it had procured "weapons, armoured vehicles, communications and other equipment" from the Army as protection against either sabotage or terrorism.

The report added that the atomic agency's own "protective forces" have participated in "tactical manoeuvres and practice alerts" with both Army and Air Force combat units.

Mr. Lillenthal said all that is "simply a form of local guard protection" and added that the Commission "is not taking over in any way the responsibility of the Army."

The report also disclosed that an "office of the director of intelligence" has been set up "to correlate and evaluate information on foreign atomic energy developments."—Associated Press.

NEW TRAINING

These revolutionary designs are necessitating complete reorganization in training and recruitment of Naval personnel.

"The Navy of the future has yet to emerge from the training establishments. Assessment of potentialities of atomic bombs and guided missiles in sea warfare is the guiding influence in training naval personnel of the future," an officer of the Director of Naval Personnel Department told the United Press.

British naval strength today consists of four battleships, three fleet carriers, five light fleet carriers, 17 cruisers, 34 submarines, 52 destroyers and 43 frigates.

In addition some 230 fighting ships are in "cold storage" in coastal naval stations.

Numbers have already had superstructures modified to withstand near misses from atom bombs and all crews are being initiated into the mysteries of gamma radiation.

United Press.

LATEST AT BOMBS

Washington, Jan. 31.—The United States has atomic bombs which are much more explosive than those dropped on Japan or used at the Bikini tests, the Atomic Energy Commission announced today.

"Further developments are now in progress," the Commission's fifth

MARRIED ON HORSEBACK

East Rochester, New York, Jan. 31.—Francis Rowe and Barbara Smith met at a horse show. So they were married yesterday on horseback.

The bride wore a beige buckskin jacket, a tan-gallon hat and red boots. The groom wore a bright plaid shirt. Both wore dungarees.

Both the wedding party, including the Justice of the Peace, Ward Hendee, were on horseback during the ceremony, which was conducted in an open paddock at the Double Diamond Ranch here.

Rowe said he proposed to Miss Smith while out riding one day. Their dream is to own a Western ranch. After the ceremony, they left on their honeymoon—in an automobile.—United Press.

New Assistant Sec. Of State

Washington, Jan. 31—President Truman today nominated Mr. Dean Rusk, Director of the State Department's Office of United Nations Affairs, to succeed Mr. Norman Armour as Assistant Secretary of State.

The State Department said that in addition to the supervision of the work of the Office of United Nations Affairs, Mr. Rusk's duties would include assisting the Under-Secretary in co-ordinating the work of the Office for Eastern Affairs and the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs.

Mr. Rusk, who will be 40 next week, was appointed Assistant Chief of the State Department's Division of International Security Affairs in 1948, after six years in the Army as Deputy Chief of the United States armed forces in South East Asia during the war.

Mr. Norman Armour resigned as Assistant Secretary of State last June.—Reuter.

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